

Relationships

THE STORY OF SAMSON

Part 2

JUDGES 14:1-20



Thesis

The most important thing in life is relationship!

Relationship with God, family (birth),
friends, spouse and others.

Intro

Last week I suggested that each of us take a Relationship Checkup, where you grade yourself in terms of how you are relating to family and others.

- 1) What grade did you give to yourself?
- 2) What is your plan to get better?

I. Read the Scripture - Judges 14

II. Something Went Wrong With Samson

1. In light of his birth and Calling/Purpose, Samson didn't seem to have a "full" commitment to follow God's Rules.
2. And when you only have a partial commitment, you won't get a "full" outcome.
3. He kept his hair (his glory), but he disregarded the other rules.
(At a great price)
4. The Question is why couldn't he obey? *Why was he acting out?

III. A Suggestion of Why? - Samson was suffering with his needs. (He had Relationship struggles)

1. All of us are needy because God made us that way. We all need positive relationship, especially from home.
2. And if you don't get your "Needs" met at home, then it creates ~ **Hurt**, and hurts that aren't resolved, then produces ~ **Anger**, and anger that isn't properly addressed, then turns to ~ **Fear**. (And from there, if you aren't careful you can move to all kinds of negative behaviors. ****Got baggage!**)
(Hurt-Anger-Fear Cycle)
3. I think Samson had a bad attitude, he was defiant, argumentative and arrogant.
4. Which came from the following unmet needs - Security, Support, and Appreciation. *(The Ten Intimacy Needs)*

IV. Finally, Samson probably acted like most of us have along the way. He either overcompensated into a loud personality, or he would shrink into a quiet depressive personality. We now know which he shifted to.

1. So how do you not end up like Samson? (Gifted but self-destructive)
2. By Intervention
3. Self intervention, or the intervention of others, (if you are highly favored)
4. Take the Ten Intimacy Needs Assessment, and do a self intervention

****Take the Assessment, study the results, and then talk it over with someone who cares for you. Enjoy the Experience !*